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THE STRIKE SITUATION

While war is distressing other portions of the globe, the United States has, so far, been exempt from scenes of carnage, but the strike situation in our land is causing as much anxiety as the diplomatic correspondence now going on between this country and Germany. The labor troubles at Bridgeport, Conn., have been patched up, and the more optimistic prefer to believe the trouble is over at the Remington Arms Plant, but conditions are serious at Bayonne, N. Y., caused by the walkout of the men engaged in loading oil on steamers which are to sail for countries now at war. Already three lives have been lost in the rioting, and the situation is alarming.

The dissatisfaction among the employees at the Washington navy yard, caused by a cut in their wages is growing, and it is openly asserted that should the government fail to restore the wage scale to what it was on the first instant a strike will follow. Also that demands for still higher pay may be made before the final readjustment. It is also said that a sympathetic strike on the part of employees in other navy yards is by no means improbable, and before the end of the year the government may find itself helpless so far as fitting out the new men-of-war is concerned. Thousands of longshoremen are also on strike in New York, and shipping may be tied up.

It is unfortunate that the business of the world cannot be conducted without walkouts with the trouble and financial loss incident to the readjustment of relations between employers and employees. But this seems impossible, and strikers on small or large scales are always in evidence. Half a million men in Chicago and vicinity were out of work for a short time recently. Losses to men and manufacturers ran into the millions during this brief cessation of building in that city.

The wages paid in nearly every calling of life are at present higher than at any time in the history of the country yet it is often suggested that the net earnings of workmen are but little more than under the old regime. There are many men in the country whose wages, though moderate, remain unchanged, but, as they lose no time, they are generally better off at the end of the year than others who command much more pay, but who are compelled to lose so much time while strike issues are being arbitrated. Besides this necessary loss, strike funds have to be provided, and other expenses incurred. As suggested above, the United States is not engaged in war but there is a turbulence in the country which is to be regretted by all lovers of law and order. It is producing its natural fruit, and there is an uncertainty and want of confidence which is in jurious to all classes.

AN OMINOUS SUGGESTION.

The effect of the present war on Christianity is a perplexing problem to most ministers of the gospel—that is those who think and realize what a dark cloud has settled over the earth nineteen hundred years after the advent of the Christian era. It is significant that while the Kaiser is represented as entering churches and praying for success of German arms, some of his people are suggesting that this is no time for religion, and that it should be side tracked in order that men may give all their thoughts to war.

Should this idea be adopted, thousands would never take it up again, and the "falling away," long foretold, would follow.

A moratorium in Christianity is proposed by a writer in the Christliche Welt, one of the leading religious journals of Germany. The writer urges that in a war of this charac-

ter, where ruthlessness of an unparalleled type is displayed, and where the very rudiments of Christianity are ignored, it would be wise, if Christianity is to be maintained, that it should not be preached or taught during the continuance of the war.

The writer, who states that he is now serving at the front, says he is convinced that war itself is an evidence that for the time being evil is uppermost in the world. It is as though one were obliged to lay aside one's humanity and to relinquish all that distinguishes a Christian man. It is mockery to ask men with blood-stained hearts to approach the table of the Lord.

The fighting in the trenches, continues the article, is of such a character that every feeling of religion and every inclination to prayer ceases. It is not Christian teaching that a man wants as he comes fresh from the frightful hell of the trenches. War is a phenomenon which the church should not be able to bless. It is opposed to every essential of Christianity, and the sooner a moratorium for Christianity is declared the better. There should be no more church nonsense about the ennobling and purifying effects of war. For hundreds of thousands of men at the front, men who once believed in the faith, the moratorium is already in effect. When they return from the blood-soaked battle-front their Christianity will be of a different order, and they will insist upon the church adopting a different Christianity.

MR. BRYAN SHOWS HEAT

The newspapers have recently printed stories of a colloquy between William Jennings Bryan and Rev. Dr. L. G. Broughton, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York. The scene is laid at Asheville, N. C. It has recently been suggested that Mr. Bryan is by no means as much in demand for church lectures as he was some time ago and this is attributed to his attack on the New York minister.

The Rev. Dr. Len G. Broughton, announced in his church that his sermon next Sunday afternoon would deal with the war situation in England. This announcement revealed the story that Dr. Broughton and other clergymen in this country have broken a long friendship with William Jennings Bryan.

The sermon Dr. Broughton intends to preach next Sunday, "The Sword of Goliath Moving Into the Hands of David," is one to which Mr. Bryan is believed to have taken exception to a few weeks ago. At any rate, the former Secretary of State and Dr. Broughton quarrelled over the war situation in the dining room of a hotel in Asheville, N. C.

"When I was in Asheville," said Dr. Broughton, "I met Mr. Bryan in a hotel there and he began a conversation with me about the war and chiefly about the situation in England. A lecture I had delivered the night before, or perhaps the sermon I had preached the Sunday before, may have had something to do with Mr. Bryan's broaching the subject and his manner of discussing it with me.

"He said this country had to put an end to the war situation. I told him that this country had to do no such thing, that I had been in England six months during the early stages of the war and that I knew the situation there.

"You can take it from me, I told him, that those allies will never in the world let up until the last man of them is dead or until the war party in Europe is disarmed or brought to its knees.

"We had words. He flew into a rage and said I belonged to the blood-thirsty war party and that I had turned my back on the Bible and Christianity. I told him I had been too long in the business to be talked to by him in that manner."

NEWS OF THE DAY

Two hundred skilled mechanics will sail from Johannesburg for England early next month to work in factories producing war munitions.

A plot to abduct Joseph F. Smith, head of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, carry him into the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming and there hold him for a ransom of \$100,000 was revealed yesterday in Denver.

"German papers publish a resume of the American reply to the Lusitania note," says an Amsterdam dispatch. "The general feeling is, if the resume is accurate, a most serious situation has arisen as Germany is not prepared to make any further concession. Anti-American feeling is growing."

Frank Platt, son of J. W. Platt, of Covington, died in a Huntington, (W.

Va.) hospital Wednesday night from injuries received when he fell from a westbound freight train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. Platt fell asleep while riding on a car. His skull was fractured.

The first step in a plan for reorganizing the Wabash Railroad and taking it out of the hands of receivers was carried into effect Wednesday in St. Louis when a purchasing committee of the roads' creditors bought the entire \$220,000,000 system, with all its assets and liabilities, for \$18,000,000.

Three men were killed Wednesday when an interurban car on the Pittsburgh, Harmony, Butler & New Castle line struck an automobile in which they were riding, at a crossing, near Crider station in the vicinity of Butler, Pa. All were from Rochester, Pa. The machine was hurled 100 feet by the collision.

Pinning to a coat a letter addressed to his parents, in which he blamed his troubles with his wife from whom he was separated, as the reason for his act, Roy Titman, aged 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Titman, of Iola, Pa., jumped from the East Bloomsburg bridge into the Susquehanna and was drowned.

The father and relatives of E. A. Empey, cattle and sheepman kidnapped from his ranch east of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Saturday, have decided to pay the \$6000 ransom demanded by his abductor. Mr. Empey's father has asked the Sheriff to recall his posse. Relatives fear that efforts to capture the abductor will result in Empey being killed.

In Berlin and Wurttemberg the authorities have introduced a new composite of maize flour, dried vegetables and dried meat, a species of macaroni and meat extract, which is especially intended for providing cheap meals for necessitous persons. One penny's worth is said to be sufficient for a meal for a person with a large appetite.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels will recommend increases in the pay of the high-class machinists at the Washington Navy Yard when Congress meets in December. This was his announcement yesterday in discussing demands of machinists at the local yard, which may result in a strike order and possibly disaffection in other navy yards.

Arthur Warren, a well known resident of Greenville, N. C., has just completed 20-mile cruise in the Tar River in a bath tub. Attired in a bathing suit, he launched the tub at Greenville, after sending his clothes by express to Washington, N. C., 20 miles down the Tar River, and set forth on his long voyage, arriving safely at his destination. Incidentally he won a \$50 bet.

A threat to make another and "successful" attempt to blow up the Capitol was contained in a letter received Wednesday by Major Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of the Washington police. The time set for the explosion was yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock. Major Pullman declared he regarded the letter as an outburst of a "perverted sense of humor."

A Baltimore corporation which was surety for J. C. Bradley, treasurer of Washington county, settled yesterday with the State and county on account of the shortage of Bradley as treasurer. Bradley's indebtedness to the county was \$61,000 and to the State \$9,000. The attorneys for the county agreed to accept \$42,000 in full settlement of the amount due the county, while the State received the full amount due it. The county's loss is \$18,500.

With Leo M. Frank slowly but steadily improving and now believed to be practically out of danger, the Georgia prison authorities were horrified yesterday when another cutting affray took place. Charles Miller, a convict sent up from Atlanta, was stabbed across the abdomen by Frank Reid, a "lifer" from Columbus, the town from which came Frank's assailant. It is rumored that the second cutting resulted from a discussion by the two men of the Frank case.

Charles A. Stillings, president of the National Capital Life Insurance Company and superintendent of the Government Printing Office, under the Roosevelt administration was arrested in Washington yesterday on charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was released on \$50 for appearance in Police Court. The charge arose from a "personal affair" Mr. Stillings had with an acquaintance on the sixth floor of the Bond Building.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Governor Stuart and his party decided not to stop over in Cheyenne on account of the elaborate program of entertainment planned for the Governor, his staff and the Blues in Chicago by the Chamber of Commerce today. The party will be guests of the chamber at a luncheon and on automobile rides.

Following a dispute in Prince George county Wednesday between two women over the ownership of a tablecloth, Mrs. Bettie Mason Hawks shot and killed Miss Julia Wyche, a neighbor. The bullet was fired from a pistol and struck Miss Wyche in the eye. Mrs. Hawks claims the shooting was accidental. Miss Hawks was arrested.

College gridirons were called worse than Mexican bull fight arenas by Dr. O. B. Whitaker in his address on Success and its Foundation before the Christian Chautauqua at Virginia Beach Wednesday night. He declared that football was brutal, that it should not be approved by the colleges and that the students who took part in it were gamblers.

The Summer Normal School which closed in Fredericksburg this week, has been one of the most successful ever held in Fredericksburg, though Fredericksburg has been one of the meeting places since these schools have been inaugurated. The number attending was about 400, and more than 300 of these are now taking examinations for certificates to teach in the public schools of Virginia. The examinations will be closed this evening.

At the State rifle range to Virginia Beach yesterday, the First Regiment finished preliminary firing at all ranges. Firing in the finals to qualify for honors as expert riflemen and sharpshooters was completed by several companies, and it is hoped to complete this phase of the work by Saturday morning. Sergt. W. W. Sert has made a total of 220 points out of a possible 250. Camp will break early Sunday morning, and the companies will entrain promptly for their respective homes, so as to make way for the Second Regiment, which is scheduled to arrive Sunday about noon.

Some score or so retail dealers in coal met Thursday afternoon and last night at the Virginian Hotel, Lynchburg, and formed an organization to develop their interests to be known as the Retail Coal Dealers Association of Virginia. The following officers were elected: President, James H. Hill, Norfolk; First Vice President, Frank Diuguid, Lynchburg; Second Vice President, R. L. Peerman, Danville; Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. Harris, Roanoke. The foregoing with W. N. Newman, of Farmville, constitute the executive committee. The next meeting will be held in Norfolk.

The body of George Basket lies somewhere on the bottom of Hampton Roads and R. Moore is in jail at Newport News charged with involuntary manslaughter as the result of a fight between the two men, which occurred on the tugboat John Scully. In the course of the melee, Moore is said to have struck Basket, and the latter, losing his balance, fell over the side of the boat and was drowned. The men were both employed as firemen on the tug, which was on its way to Newport News from Norfolk. It is said that the pair had been around Norfolk drinking and when they boarded the boat a quarrel arose.

Having recovered from wounds the husband inflicted upon himself and his wife, on July 6, in an alleged effort to commit murder and suicide, Joseph Eldridge Smoot and Mrs. Lily Smoot have returned to their home in Richmond from the Virginia Hospital, and domestic harmony has been restored. Smoot's wound was slight. He recovered first. As soon as he could leave his bed he asked that he be allowed to visit his wife, who was lying in an adjoining room, suffering from two wounds, one of which was in her forehead. Permission was granted, and at her bedside husband and wife forgot their difficulties and the man's desperate outburst, and made love all over again.

An official declaration published in Berlin says: "Germans working in factories in neutral countries, particularly in the United States, producing war supplies for the enemy render themselves liable to prosecution for treason under paragraph 89 of the Penal Code, penalizing such assistance to an enemy with a maximum of ten years imprisonment." Another paragraph of the penal authorizes prosecution in the case of

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NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of Alan P. Hume, Bankrupt.

No. 139 In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Alan P. Hume, of Potomac, in the County of Alexandria, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1915, the said Alan P. Hume was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held

at 107 North Fairfax Street, in the City of Alexandria, on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

WALTER U. VARNEY
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Alexandria, Virginia, July 16, 1915.

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An ordinance to provide for the borrowing of fifty thousand dollars and the issuing of the notes of the City Council of Alexandria, therefor

Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

Section 1. That the Finance Committee of the City Council of Alexandria be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars, or as much thereof as it may deem necessary, from time to time as needed, for the purposes hereinafter set forth; for a period not exceeding twelve months, and at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum, per annum; issuing therefor as evidence of said debt the negotiable promissory notes of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, in such sums as it may deem most advisable not exceeding however, the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the corporate name and to attach the corporate seal of the "City Council of Alexandria" to said notes when issued.

Section 3. That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to keep a record of all said notes so issued.

Section 4. That any and all money borrowed under and by virtue of this ordinance, shall be used wholly and exclusively, upon streets, sewers, light, water or other public improvements in the territory recently annexed to the City of Alexandria and Fairfax; and of which the Auditor shall keep a separate account showing the amount and for what purpose expended and also whether expended in the territory annexed from Alexandria County or from Fairfax County.

Section 5. That any and all money borrowed under and by virtue of this ordinance, shall, if not previously paid be repaid, (and the notes issued therefor cancelled), from the proceeds of the sale of the first bonds hereafter issued by the City Council of Alexandria.

Section—6. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage. Passed the Common Council July 2nd, 1915.

HOWARD W. SMITH, President

Passed the Board of Aldermen July 13th, 1915.

HENRY K. FIELD, President.

Approved July 16th, 1915.

THOMAS A. FISHER, Mayor

Teste Daniel R. Stansbury, Clerk.

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